

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please replace paragraph [002] with the following replacement paragraph:*

**[002]** Security is fast becoming an important issue. It ~~[[Is]]~~ has always been an issue for everybody to protect his belongings. It is also well known that with the proliferation of computers and computer networks into all aspects of business and daily life - financial, medical, education, government, and communications - the concern over secure file access is growing. Using passwords is a common method of providing security. Password protection and/or combination type locks are employed for computer network security, automatic teller machines, telephone banking, calling cards, telephone answering services, houses, and safes. These systems generally require the knowledge of an entry code that has been selected by a user or has been preset.